

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 and 20-26 remain active in this, Claims 15, 20, 22 and 23 having been amended and Claims 17-19 canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 17, 18 and 19 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of allowed Claims 1, 2 and 6; Claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; Claims 1-14 were allowed; and Claims 20-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were otherwise indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-14 and the indication that Claims 20-26 include allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, Claims 20, 22 and 23 have been amended to be in independent form. In the preparation of amended Claims 20, 22, and 23, Applicants noticed that Claim 19, which has been added to Claims 20, 22, and 23, contained at lines 3 and 21 two typographical errors, which have been corrected herewith. In particular, the term "a optical" at line 3, Claim 19, has been corrected to --an optical--, and the term "clocks signals" at line 21, Claim 19, has been corrected to --clock signals--. Clearly these additional changes do not raise any new issues and in light of the indication of allowable subject matter, amended Claims 20-26 are also believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

In response to the objection to Claims 17, 18 and 19 under 37 CFR 1.75, these claims have been canceled and the objection is therefore now moot.

In response to the rejection of Claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, Claim 15 has been corrected to correct the noted informalities, and as

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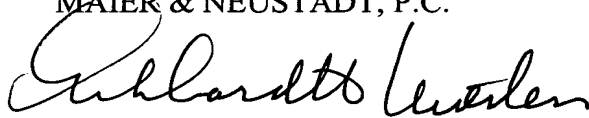
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there were not other grounds for objection or rejection in regard to Claims 15 and 16, Claims 15 and 16 are also believed to be in condition for formal allowance. this rejection, as shown in the Proposed Amendment attached hereto.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, no further issues are outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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